

**H. R. 467.**

[No Report.]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

FEBRUARY 18, 1851.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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Mr. G. A. CALDWELL, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported the following bill:

**A BILL**

To authorize the enlistment of mechanics, teamsters, and laborers in the Quartermaster's department.

1      *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Represen-*  
2      *tatives of the United States of America in Congress*  
3      *assembled,* That there shall be attached to the Quarter-  
4      master's department and subject to the orders of its offi-  
5      cers, as many blacksmiths, wheelwrights, carpenters, har-  
6      ness makers, teamsters, and laborers, as the service in the  
7      opinion of the Secretary of War may require, not to ex-  
8      ceed twenty wheelwrights, thirty blacksmiths, thirty car-  
9      penters, ten harness makers, three hundred teamsters, and  
10    one hundred and fifty laborers, who shall be enlisted to serve

11 for a period of not less than three years, unless sooner dis-  
12 charged, and be subject to the rules and articles of war.

1       SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the pay of  
2 a blacksmith shall be twenty-five dollars per month; of a  
3 wheelright, twenty-five dollars per month; of a carpenter,  
4 twenty-five dollars per month; of a harness maker, twenty-  
5 five dollars per month; of a teamster, fifteen dollars per  
6 month; and of a laborer, twelve dollars per month; that  
7 each shall be entitled to one ration per day, to the clothing  
8 of a private of infantry, and to all the advantages secured  
9 by existing laws to enlisted soldiers of the army.

1       SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That should any  
2 additional number of operatives be necessary, the Quarter-  
3 master General shall, with the approbation of the Secre-  
4 tary of War, cause them to be engaged by contract; and  
5 the persons so engaged, when serving in the field or in the  
6 Indian country, or in New Mexico, California, or Oregon,  
7 shall be subject to the rules and articles of war: *Provided*,  
8 That a clause be inserted in the contract with each indi-  
9 vidual, by which he shall assent to this provision.